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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTITANK WARFARE
SYSTEMS

1. GAO AUDITORS STANLEY R. EIBETZ AND CHARLES M. WOLFF
INTEND TO CONDUCT REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTITANK
WARFARE SYSTEMS ASSESS CAPABILITY OF PERFORMING THEIR
MISSION OBJECTIVE.

DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH DOD
PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THESE MATTERS, AND THE GAO
REPRESENTATIVES NOW WISH TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE FROM SEPT 16
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THROUGH OCT. 7. THEIR PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY TO BE VISITED AND LOCATION
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SEPT 16 TUES DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPT 17 WED ARRIVE LONDON
--- LONDON

SEPT 18 THURS MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (UK)
--- LONDON

DATE DAY ACTIVITY TO BE VISITED AND
-- LOCATION

SEPT 19, A.M. FRI 81ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
--- (USAF) - BENTWATER, ENG.

SEPT 19, P.M. FRI UK AIR BASE
--- COLTISHALL, ENG.

SEPT 20 SAT ----
--- LONDON

SEPT 21 SUN FLY TO AMSTERDAM
--- AMSTERDAM

SEPT 22 MON NATO SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER
--- HAGUE

SEPT 23 TUS TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS

SEPT 24, A.M. WED MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (BELGIUM)
--- BRUSSELS

SEPT 24, P.M. WED NATO ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE
--- BRUSSELS

SEPT 25 THURS TRAVEL TO BONN

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SEPT 26 FRI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (FRG)

SEPT 27 SAT ----

SEPT 28 SUN ----

SEPT 29 MON HQ, III GERMAN CORPS
--- KOBLENZ

SEPT 30 TUES 3RD ARMORED DIV. (USA)

OCT 1 WED ----

OCT 2 THURS USAF 36TH TACTICAL FIGHTER
--- WING - BITBURG

OCT 3 FRI HQ. 3RD MECH. DIV. (USA)

OCT 4-5 SAT-SUN TRAVEL TO MUNICH

DATE DAY ACTIVITY TO BE VISITED AND
--- LOCATION

OCT 6 MON LUFTWAFFE SQUADRON
--- EMMINGEN

OCT 7 TUES DEPART EUROPE - ARRIVE USA

DATE DAY HOTEL LOCATION

SEPT 17 WED LONDON

SEPT 18 THURS LONDON

SEPT 19 FRI LONDON

SEPT 20 SAT LONDON

SEPT 21 SUN AMSTERDAM

SEPT 22 MON AMSTERDAM
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SEPT 23 TUES BRUSSELS

SEPT 24 WED BRUSSELS

SEPT 25 THURS BONN

SEPT 26 FRI BONN

SEPT 27 SAT FRANKFURT

SEPT 28 SUN FRANKFURT

SEPT 29 MON FRANKFURT

SEPT 30 TUES FRANKFURT

OCT 1 WED FRANKFURT

OCT 2 THURS FRANKFURT

OCT 3 FRI WURZBURG

DATE	DAY	HOTEL LOCATION
OCT 4-5	SAT-SUN	MUNICH-MUNICH
OCT 6	MON	MUNICH

2. IN THEIR DISCUSSION THEY PLAN TO SEEK ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING :

---1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE - UNITED KINGDOM, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, BELGIUM

A) WHAT MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS ARE APPLIED TO ANTI ARMOR WEAPONS?

B) WHAT TACTICS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED WITH VARIOUS TYPE ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

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C) HOW MUCH RELIANCE WILL BE PLACED ON CLOSE AIR SUPPORT? WHAT CLOSE AIR SUPPORT WEAPONS WILL BE USED? WHEN WILL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT BE USED?

D) WHAT COUNTERMEASURES TO ANTI TANK WEAPONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ENCOUNTERED?

E) WHAT ARE THE MOST WORRISOME ASPECTS OF ANTI ARMOR WARFARE?

---2. HEADQUARTERS III GERMAN CORPS - KOBLENZ

A) WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY TACTICS TO BE EMPLOYED BY ANTI ARMOR WEAPON UNITS?

B) WHAT ARE THE PRIME RANGES EXPECTED FOR ANTI TANK ENGAGEMENTS?

C) WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED COUNTERMEASURES TO ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

D) WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AGAINST ARMOR? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WILL BE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT WEAPONS?

---3. NATO - (A) SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER

A) WHAT STUDY HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

B) WHAT STUDY/STUDIES HAVE ADDRESSED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT-ARMOR ATTRITION?

C) WHAT PLANS ARE THERE FOR STANDARDIZATION OF ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

D) WHAT IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF NEW SOVIET ARMOR?

E) WHAT ARE THE RELATIVE STRENGTHS (AT) OF NATO CORPS?

----- (B) ARMAMETS COMMITTEE

A) WHAT EFFECTIVENESS ESTIMATES EXIST FOR NATO ANTI UNCLASSIFIED

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ARMOR EFFORT?

B) WHAT CRITERIA ARE PLANNED FOR EFFECTIVENESS MEASURES - AT WEAPONS?

---4. VARIOUS UNITED STATES UNITS

-----AIR FORCE

A) HOW MUCH TRAINING IS DEVOTED TO ANTI-ARMOR ATTACKS? WHAT AIRCRAFT ARE USED? WHAT WEAPONS ARE USED?

B) WHAT ANTI TANK WEAPON IS CONSIDERED THE MOST EFFECTIVE? WHY?

C) WHAT ARE AVERAGE RANGES FOR ACQUISITION, IDENTIFICATION, ATTACK?

D) WHAT STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED TO SHOW ATTRITION OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AIRCRAFT?

E) WHEN CAN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT BE EXPECTED? D PLUS?

F) WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED COUNTERMEASURES TO AT WEAPONS?

G) WHAT WOULD YOUR REACTION BE TO THESE COUNTERMEASURES?

) WHAT ARE THE PREFERRED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TACTICS? WHAT IS THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER?

I) HOW MANY AIRCRAFT/TYPE ARE REQUIRED IN ANTI ARMOR ROLE AGAINST SOVIET BATTALION OF TANKS?

J) WHICH TANKS IN A FORMATION WOULD BE ATTACKED FIRST? WHY?

4. VARIOUS UNITED STATES UNITS

-----ARMY

A) WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING IS CONDUCTED TO ASSIST ANTI TANK

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WEAPON CREWS?

B) WHAT EMPIRICAL UNIT DATA EXISTS TO MEASURE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTI TANK WEAPON SYSTEMS? TYP KILL? NUMBER OF ROUNDS?

C) WHAT ACQUISITION/FIRING RANGES ARE EXPECTED IN ASSIGNED SECTORS?

D) WHAT SUPPRESSION AND COUNTERMEASURE TACTICS ARE ANTICIPATED AGAINST ANTI TANK WEAPONS? WHAT WOULD YOUR REACTION BE TO THESE SUPPRESSION AND COUNTERMEASURE TACTICS?

E) WHAT TACTICS ARE USED AT NIGHT? (TO COMBAT IR INTERFERENCE) WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED PROBLEMS AT NIGHT?

F) HOW MUCH RELIANCE IS PLACED ON CLOSE AIR SUPPORT?

G) WHAT LOCAL PROBLEMS EXIST WITH VARIOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS?

H) WHICH TACTICS ARE MOST COMMON FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ANTI TANK SYSTEMS?

I) HOW DO GUNNERS KNOW IF TANK IS "KILLED"? WHAT GUIDANCE IS AVAILABLE?

J) HOW MUCH CROSS-TRAINING FOR GUNNERS EXISTS? (DEDICATED VS DESIGNATED)

K) HOW OFTEN WILL FIRING SIGNATURE CAUSE WEAPON DISPLACEMENT? WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THIS ON AVAILABILITY?

L) HOW WOULD COBRA/TOW BE UTILIZED? IN WHAT TYPE ENVIRONMENT? WHAT TYPE RELATIONSHIP TO GROUND ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

M) WHAT BATTALION/COMPANY-LEVEL FIRE CONTROLS WILL BE

PLACED ON ANTI TANK WEAPONS?

N) HOW IS APDS USED IN TANKS?

-- NUMBER OF ROUNDS?

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-- WHEN FIRED?

--SENSING?

--NUMBER IN TANK?

O) BORESIGHTING VERIFICATION - ANY PROBLEMS? HOW OFTEN?

P) WHAT AMMO LOADS ARE AVAILABLE AT PLATOON/COMPANY LEVEL FOR ATGM?

---5. NATO FORCE UNITS

A) HOW MUCH TIME IS DEVOTED IN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TRAINING?

B) HOW MUCH OF THE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IS DIRECTED AGAINST ARMORED VEHICLES?

C) WHAT ARE CONSIDERED THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS IN ATTACKING ARMOR?

D) HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SUPPRESS THE AIR DEFENSES TO ALLOW EFFECTIVE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT?

E) WHICH WEAPONS/ORDNANCE ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST EFFECTIVE? WHY?

F) WHERE DOES THE UNIT PLAN TO ATTACK ARMOR?

G) HOW MANY SORTIES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STOP A SOVIET TANK BATTALION? WHAT TYPE OF ORDNANCE WOULD BE USED?

H) WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED ACQUISITION RANGES? HOW IS TARGET MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION BY PILOTS?

3. LONDON, BRUSSELS AND BONN: SHOULD FACILITATE EFFORTS BY EIBETZ AND WOLFF TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON FOREIGN MOD'S VIEWS. IF IN JUDGMENT OF ANY ADDRESSEE DISCUSSIONS OF THESE ISSUES WITH MOD'S OR OTHER FOREIGN OFFICIALS WOULD PRESENT DIFFICULTIES OR COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, THEN ADDRESSEES SHOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH US OFFICIALS AND SOURCES. BOTH EIBETZ AND WOLFF UNDERSTAND THAT ADDRESSEES WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGE MOD AND NATO CONTACTS AND MAY WISH TO HAVE OFFICER FROM EMBASSY ACCOMPANY.

4. USNATO SHOULD FACILITATE EFFORTS FOR VISITS TO STC AND NATO ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. CINCEUR IS REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS TO THE FOUR MILITARY UNITS LISTED IN ITINERARY. GAO IS MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

5. MESSRS. EIBETZ AND WOLFF HAVE TS AND COSMIC CLEARANCE.

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